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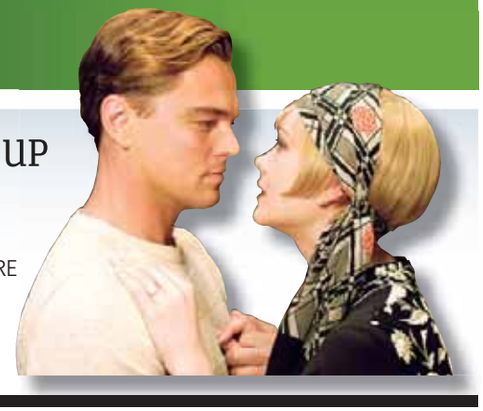

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San Jose Sharks centre Logan Couture collides against the boards with Canucks defenceman Dan Hamhuis during Game 4 of their first-round playoff series in San Jose, Calif., on Tuesday. The Sharks won 4-3 in overtime to sweep the series 4-0. MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cop charged in alleged drug plot

Police investigation. Cop accused of planting drugs, then helping to arrange search warrants

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An Abbotsford police officer faces charges for allegedly conspiring with a confidential informant to plant drugs at a home before tipping off other officers to search the residence for OxyContin.

Const. Christopher Nicholson is also accused of leaking information to help a suspect avoid arrest and lying about information obtained through confidential sources to get other officers to search other private dwellings for drugs, the Vancouver and Abbotsford police chiefs revealed at a joint news conference on Tuesday.

After an eight-month investigation by dozens of officers, including senior investigators with gang experience, Nicholson has been charged with breach of trust, obstruction of justice and conspiracy to traffic a controlled substance, Vancouver Police Chief Jim Chu said.

Police believe Nicholson had "knowledge of the drug transaction and was an active participant in the transaction," Chu said.

Chu refused to comment on possible motives or whether Nicholson is believed to have been involved with a gang, but said police do not believe other officers are involved.

"Corrupt conduct will not be tolerated in our ranks and will be thoroughly investigated," Chu said, adding he was "troubled" by the initial allegations in July 2012.

Abbotsford Police Chief Bob Rich said Nicholson allegedly was involved in providing information to obtain dozens of search warrants for the homes of drug dealers and gang members.

"If these facts are proven to be true, it appears not only that Chris Nicholson misled the justice system, but he's also put the lives and reputations of other police officers at risk" by causing them to search high-risk environments, Rich said. No one appears to have been wrongfully arrested as a result of misinformation.

Nicholson had his badge taken away and will be suspended without pay. He will also face police disciplinary procedures for misconduct on the "most serious end of the scale," as courts place a lot of trust in officers to be honest when using confidential informants, Rich said.

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‘Marginalized’ gay Liberal campaign manager resigns

Fighting words. Todd Hauptman wrote an open letter criticizing former boss Mary Polak, while she suggests he was unwittingly sharing info with the NDP

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Transportation Minister Mary Polak’s campaign manager resigned on Tuesday with just a week to go before the election, writing an open letter explaining that he feels he has been marginalized and treated as “less than a person” by Liberal supporters because he is gay.

Todd Hauptman, who describes himself as a Conservative Christian on his Facebook page, wrote that he is asking politicians of all stripes, including Polak, to speak up for the gay community.

“While I can say without hesitation that Mary has always shown me respect and love, and was a source of strength and encouragement when I ‘came out,’ I have been conflicted beyond words these past weeks,” he wrote in the letter.

“You see, the very base of voters who will likely help Mary get re-elected in just one week’s time are made up of individuals who hold hateful attitudes towards the community I am a part of.”

He told the CBC that Polak missed an opportunity to stand up for the gay community on April 30 when she was asked about her fight against the inclusion of three books depicting gay families while she was the chair of the Surrey School Board.

“I have had enough of being marginalized and I am tired of politicians making endless excuses for political gain,” he wrote.

Polak told Metro the controversy over the books is nuanced, and that she does not feel she had enough time to answer the question fully when it was asked during an all-candidates debate.

“(One of the books) specifically had a teacher essentially telling a child that their parents’ beliefs were incorrect,” she said, when asked why she had opposed the books’ introduction in schools.

She also said the question came from a close friend of Hauptman’s, who happens to work on the campaign of her Langley NDP rival, Andrew Mercier.

Polak said after a back-and-forth battle that went all the way to the Supreme Court of Canada, Surrey’s school board became the first in B.C. to approve materials about same-sex families for primary grades, although they were not the original three in question.

She said voters should know Hauptman is a “wonderful, talented young man” whom she considers her friend and whom she had hoped would stay with her team, despite suspicions he was inadvertently sharing strategic information with the NDP.

She said she does not believe the alleged information-sharing was malicious, but that there were several instances in which Mercier’s team had knowledge of Liberal activities before they happened, which could not have been obtained any other way.

Mercier’s campaign manager, Alec Stromdahl, said Polak’s allegations came as a shock, and denied ever receiving any inside Liberal information from Hauptman’s friend.

Langley Liberal candidate Mary Polak says she had hoped Todd Hauptman would stay on as her campaign manager. He left his post on Tuesday. CERIC DREGER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stanley Park runner-up in beauty contest

Stanley Park is the envy of cities around the world. KATE WEBB/METRO

Anyone who’s been there can attest to the epic beauty of Stanley Park, but now it has been officially ranked among the most beautiful in the world by Travel + Leisure magazine.

Lord Stanley’s legacy was ranked the second-most beautiful city park on the planet, behind only Antoni Gaudí’s Park Güell in Barcelona, Spain — which has a salamander fountain, so ... I suppose you gotta give that to them.

Vancouver’s pride and joy, Stanley Park, was praised for its 8.8-kilometre seawall, rose and rhododendron gardens, totem poles, seaside pool, gorgeous views and wild forest.

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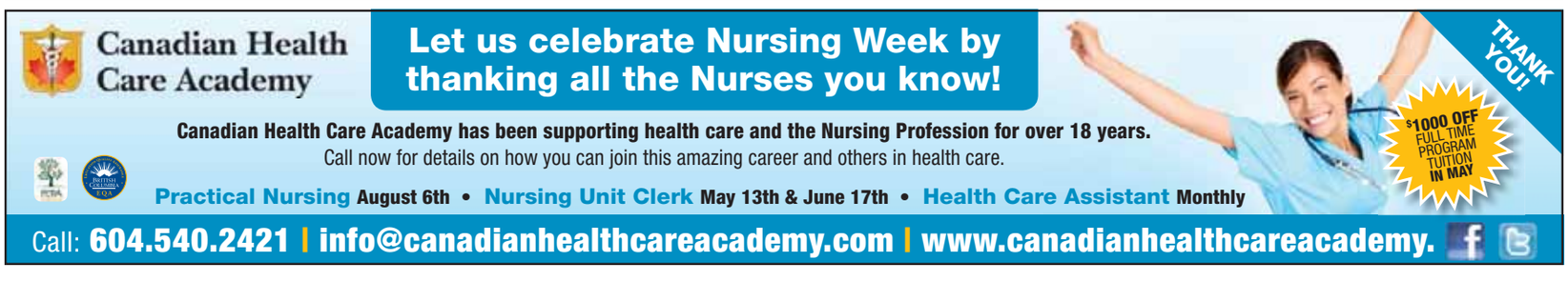
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Vancouver collector upsizes plans for Whistler art gallery

Bohemian behemoth. Gallery will house works from Michael Audain's personal collection

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Local art heavyweights seem to have missed the memo about the recession.

Just two weeks after Vancouver city council granted the Vancouver Art Gallery a 99-year lease on prime downtown real estate — if it can raise $300 million by 2015 — art collector Michael Audain announced plans to double the size of the art gallery he's building in Whistler.

The philanthropist will write a "considerably" bigger cheque from his family foundation to build a $30-million, 56,000-square-foot gallery surrounded by a spruce forest, instead of his original plan to build a $20-million, 27,000-square-foot building, Audain announced at a news conference Tuesday.

Audain is "not at all" concerned a Whistler museum will eat into fundraising for the new VAG since he's paying for it from his own foundation.

"I am of course a very strong supporter of the VAG relocation and I will continue to support them in whatever way I can," he said, noting that he sits as chair of the VAG foundation.

He realized the Whistler gallery would need to be bigger in order to host temporary exhibitions and to store his extensive personal collection, which features First Nations masks and B.C. artists such as Emily Carr.

Rather than trying to build an extension later, architect John Patkau designed a bigger building to start.

Even with the expansion, only one Cottonwood tree must be cut down to make room for the "minimal, serene" building, which is designed to be a "quiet participant within the forest," Patkau said.

The building's roof will be sloped to deal with heavy snow, and the entire structure will sit 12 feet above ground, as the site is in a flood plain.

Expansion

- The new plans will require a rezoning amendment, a new development permit and a review by the municipality's design panel.
- The Audain Foundation was scheduled to present the new plans to council Tuesday night.

Art collector Michael Audain and architect John Patkau present expanded plans for a purpose-built art gallery in Whistler on Tuesday. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

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Clinging to cash. Brit trapped in a gondola in 2008 awarded $38,100

A British woman has been awarded more than $38,100 by a court for being stranded for three hours in a Whistler gondola in 2008.

Amy Sefton was snowboarding with her boyfriend on Dec. 16, 2008, and was riding up the Excalibur gondola when a tower failed, causing the top of the tower to fall forward in two stages in rapid succession.

The gondola suddenly dropped, tossing Sefton and the three other passengers around, but it did not hit the ground.

Sefton was 27 at the time and working for the season as a ski concierge at the Four Seasons Hotel in Whistler.

She was trapped in the dangling gondola cabin for three hours before being rescued and lowered to the ground by rope.

The incident left more than 50 people stranded in gondolas.

Sefton sued Doppelmayr, the maker of the gondola system, and the ski hill, claiming she suffered stress and ongoing post-traumatic stress disorder that has affected her future earning capacity.

Less than she asked for

"I am simply not satisfied that the plaintiff has proven a loss of earning capacity."

B.C. Supreme Court Justice Allan Betton after deciding to award Amy Sefton $38,100 for suffering related to being stranded for three hours in a Whistler gondola in 2008

The defendants didn't dispute liability, agreeing to pay whatever the court awarded.

In a ruling this week, B.C. Supreme Court Justice Allan Betton awarded Sefton $38,100, finding that while she suffered psychological distress, the effects of the incident were largely resolved within a few months and she has been very successful in finding subsequent employment.

"By all accounts, she is an individual with many positive attributes and she is highly employable," the judge noted.

"I am simply not satisfied that the plaintiff has proven a loss of earning capacity."

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Smuggling operation

B.C. man gets 12 years in U.S. jail

A 60-year-old North Vancouver man has been sentenced in a Seattle court to 12 years in prison for a drug smuggling operation that U.S. officials say had links to the Hells Angels in B.C.

James Postlethwaite was convicted last November of trucking marijuana into the U.S. and cocaine into Canada.

U.S. prosecutors say the drug ring was moving up to 900 kilograms of marijuana and as much as 200 kilos of cocaine every month.

The trial heard that marijuana was smuggled into the U.S. and distributed across the country to California, Illinois, Missouri, Georgia and New Jersey, with the proceeds used to buy cocaine in California, which was then moved to B.C.

Prosecutors say Postlethwaite had a hidden compartment in his tractor trailer that could hold more than 200 kilograms of marijuana.

Two dozen people have been charged in the case, including two other Canadians given between 10 and 13 years in prison.

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Pain of Prairie justice. Man won't get more lenient B.C. sentence for Sask. grow-op

The B.C. Court of Appeal has acknowledged that a Burnaby man's sentence for a Saskatchewan marijuana grow-op may have been a bit high compared to B.C. sentences, but the court also concluded the sentence was not unfit.

Be Van Bui, 54, pleaded guilty to production of marijuana in Saskatchewan, but he chose to have his sentence issued by a B.C. judge.

He was given a sentence of three years in prison, which Bui immediately appealed, arguing it was unfit when compared to B.C. sentencing norms.

Three judges of the B.C. Court of Appeal dismissed the appeal, finding the judge was required to give precedence to Saskatchewan sentencing norms.

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Criminal history

Bui came to the attention of police after a barn fire that revealed a grow-op in Vascoy, Sask.

- Police investigated four farms owned by the accused and his relatives, seizing about 4,000 plants.
- Another farm, in Strasbourg, Sask., was searched in December 2007. It contained 2,848 plants, which could yield up to $1.8 million annually, the appeal court noted.

Alcohol at grocery stores sure to bring spirited debate

B.C. Conservative Leader John Cummins speaks during an announcement at a grocery store in Kelowna on Tuesday. If elected, Cummins said he would make it legal to buy beer and wine at grocery stores. GARY NYLANDER/KELOWNA DAILY COURIER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Online privacy. Company forced to release identity info for defamation suit

In the latest battle against anonymous commenting online, a Canadian company has won an order for the Vancouver-based provider of an online investor forum to provide identifying information to a company that wants to sue for defamation.

Gold Bullion Development Corp. has won an order for Stockhouse Publishing Ltd. to reveal the identities of commenters Sharpie009, Wrapup and Musky13.

The three posted on Stockhouse's Internet forum for stock-market investors.

In a ruling released this week, B.C. Supreme Court Justice Miriam Maisonville also ordered that Gold Bullion pay the costs of Stockhouse to provide the information sought by the company.

The judge noted that Stockhouse does not moderate or edit posted material.

Stockhouse offers a privacy policy that dictates that they will not release private information unless required to by law.

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Alleged defamation

"Have another drink of Kool-Aid."

One comment, which a judge determined "could be construed as conveying a severe deception."

Business group fears swift unionization law

Labour. Group believes NDP may have already agreed to get rid of vote to join a union

A business group in British Columbia says the labour movement is preparing its members for an NDP government that will change the law to make it far easier for workers to organize into unions.

"The NDP may have promised to consult on getting rid of a worker's democratic vote on whether or not to join a union, but at least one union seems to have inside knowledge that it's already a done deal," the Independent Contractors and Businesses Association of B.C. said in a news release on Tuesday.

The group was sent a letter from Nightingale Electrical, a Richmond-based company, seeking advice on what to do after learning that pre-apprenticeship graduates it hired from the B.C. Institute of Technology had signed up for membership in the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

The letter said a union official "has been into every class and signed up all the students under the pretext that if they don't sign up now, they will never be let into the union."

The letter goes on to note that 75 per cent of the electrical industry is non-unionized.

Currently, unions wanting workers to join must allow them to vote with a secret ballot and also let them vote anonymously for or against union certification.

That's why the students hired by Nightingale aren't already unionized. But the independent contractors say that if the law changes and enough students have already signed the cards, they could automatically become union members.

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Official word

Shane Simpson, the NDP's labour critic, said his party has not made any decision on the issue.

Hanson Island

Husband charged in islander's death

A man has been charged with murdering his wife, who disappeared a week ago from her home on a small island off northern Vancouver Island.

Jennifer McPherson, 41, was reported missing May 1 on Hanson Island. The RCMP believe her husband, Traigo Andretti, 37, killed her on the island, though they won't say how. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kinder Morgan

Call to Big Oil no secret: NDP critic

B.C.'s New Democrat energy critic says the Liberals are conducting a smear campaign by claiming he had a secret meeting with Kinder Morgan Canada.

John Horgan says he did call the company after NDP Leader Adrian Dix said he wouldn't support a pipeline expansion. Horgan says it was a courtesy call to advise the president of the party's position. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ferry officer's fate rests with black box

Karl Lilgert's future will largely depend on whether a jury believes his account of the night the Queen of the North passenger ferry sank — or a piece of equipment that was retrieved from the ship's wreckage hundreds of metres below the ocean surface.

Lilgert, who was charged with criminal negligence causing the deaths of two passengers, told jurors he was doing everything he could to navigate the ship through rough weather and around two nearby boats off British Columbia's northern coast. He ordered at least two turns as the ship was pushed off course by strong winds, he told the jury, checking to ensure the ferry steered clear of nearby Gil Island.

The ship's electronic chart system, in contrast, recorded a straight line from the entrance of Wright Sound, where the ferry was scheduled to make a left turn, until it struck Gil Island. The data, recovered using a submarine, did not indicate any turns or changes in speed.

The 12 jurors hearing the case, who retired on Tuesday to consider their verdict, must decide which is closer to the truth.

Lilgert's lawyers have attempted to cast doubt on the accuracy of the system, noting some crew members didn't trust the device to rely on it to navigate the ship — at least one referred to it as a "box of lies" — and calling into question the credibility of an expert who used the data to conclude Lilgert neglected his duties.

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Tough questions.
Cleveland police under scrutiny after rescue of captives who vanished almost a decade earlier

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Amanda Berry, right, hugs her sister Beth Serrano after being reunited in a Cleveland hospital on Monday. Berry and two other women were found in a house near downtown Cleveland after being missing for about a decade. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/FAMILY HANDOUT

One neighbour says a naked woman was seen crawling in the backyard of the house a few years ago. Another heard pounding on the home's doors and noticed plastic bags over the windows.

Both times, police showed up but never went inside, neighbours say. Police also paid a visit to the house in 2004.

Now, after three women who vanished a decade ago were found captive at the house on Monday, Cleveland police are facing questions about their handling of missing-person cases and are conducting an internal review to see if they overlooked anything.

City safety director Martin Flask said Tuesday that investigators had no record of anyone calling about criminal activity at the house but were still checking databases.

The women were rescued after one of them kicked out the bottom of a locked screen door and called 911. Neighbour Charles Ramsey heard the woman screaming and helped in the rescue.

"Help me. I'm Amanda Berry," the woman breathlessly told a dispatcher in a call that exhilarated and astonished much of the city. "I've been kidnapped and I've been missing for 10 years and ... I'm free now." Berry, 27, Michelle Knight, 32, and Gina DeJesus, about 23, had apparently been held captive in the house since their teens or early 20s, said police Chief Michael McGrath. Three brothers, ages 50 to 54, were arrested. One of them, Ariel Castro, owned the home. No immediate charges were filed. A six-year-old girl believed to be Berry's daughter was also found, said Deputy Chief Ed Tomba. He would not say who the father was.

The women were reported to be healthy and were reunited with family but remained in seclusion.
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Aug. 23, 2002

Michelle Knight, 20, vanishes. She was last seen at a cousin's house.

April 21, 2003

Amanda Berry, 16, disappears after leaving her job at a Burger King a few blocks from her home.

January 2004

Police go to Ariel Castro's home about three miles from where Knight and Berry were last seen. No one answers the door.

April 2, 2004

Georgina (Gina) DeJesus, 14, disappears while walking home from school.

March 2, 2006

Berry's mother, Louwana Miller, 43, dies. She had spent three years looking for her daughter.

May 6, 2013

Knight, Berry, DeJesus and a six-year-old girl are found at Castro's home. Police arrest three brothers, Ariel, Pedro and Onil Castro, in connection with the disappearances.

Acadia University

Recent grad dies while vacationing in Mexico

Acadia University is mourning the loss of a student vacationing in Mexico.

A spokesman for the Nova Scotia school confirmed on Tuesday night that a recently graduated student had died in Cancun. Few details were provided, including the student's name.

"I am deeply saddened to inform our campus community that one of our graduating students passed away suddenly this morning while on vacation in Cancun, Mexico. We have few details about the circumstances at this time," Scott Roberts told the King's-County Register.

In an email, Roberts said the incident occurred on a privately-organized vacation and wasn't associated with the university.
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Dozens dead in Mexico blast

Firefighters work next to destroyed houses and vehicles after a gas tanker truck exploded on a highway in a Mexico City suburb early on Tuesday. The blast killed and injured dozens, according to the Citizen Safety Department of Mexico State. GABRIELA SANCHEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Senate big spenders on the hook for big bucks

Two senators will be asked to reimburse taxpayers for large sums after an audit of their expenses, according to a source familiar with the results of the investigation.

Sen. Patrick Brazeau, who sits as an independent, will be asked to pay back about $30,000, and Liberal Sen. Mac Harb owes the government more than $100,000, the audit reportedly indicated.

Internal Senate committees are expected within the next two days to debate whether the audit findings should be passed on to the RCMP for possible investigation, the source said.

The report is the latest development in the uproar over spending by senators on housing and travel expenses.

The independent forensic auditors have asked for more time to examine the travel expenses of Conservative Sen. Pamela Wallin, who has reportedly already repaid a considerable sum to the government in connection with questionable expenses.

Sen. Patrick Brazeau
THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

But the investigation of her claims is not over, the source said.

Conservative Sen. Mike Duffy has also been investigated over funds he has claimed to pay his living allowance in Ottawa. But he reportedly returned more than $90,000 in expenses this year after questions were raised about whether he should claim a cottage in Prince Edward Island as his principal residence. He has said he "may have been mistaken" in filling out forms about his principal residence.

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Hava Samuels dances with her new husband, Paul Forziano, on their wedding day in Wading River, N.Y. BRUCE PRESNER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mentally disabled newlyweds can't share a bedroom

Paul and Hava.
Pair have filed suit against group homes that won't let the N.Y. state couple just be together

With the beaming smiles of newlyweds, Paul Forziano and Hava Samuels hold hands, exchange adoring glances and complete each other's sentences.

Their first wedding dance, he recalls, was to the song "Unchained ... Melody," she chimes in.

They spend their days together in the performing-arts education centre where they met in Port Jefferson, N.Y. But every night, they must part ways. Forziano goes to his group home. His wife goes to hers.

The state-sanctioned non-profits that run the group homes are not allowing the couple to share a bedroom, but the newlyweds and their parents are challenging the restriction in a federal civil-rights lawsuit.

"We're very sad when we leave each other," Forziano says. "I want to live with my wife because I love her."

The couple had been considering marriage for three years before tying the knot last month, and they contend in their lawsuit that they were refused permission from their respective group homes to live together as husband and wife. The couple's parents are seeking a solution. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What's the problem?

The lawsuit contends Forziano's facility refused because people requiring the services of a group home are by definition incapable of living as married people, and it says Samuels' home refused because it believes she doesn't have the mental capacity to consent to sex.

- Samuels says she fell for her future husband because he was funny; she particularly liked his "knock-knock" jokes.
- Samuels' eyes begin to well up with tears. "I'm not happy," she says. "We live apart."

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Limo fire. Survivor says the driver could have done more to help

Nelia Arellano desperately tried to squeeze through a narrow partition as smoke thickened and a fire grew in the back of a limousine.

Stuck for a moment in the three-foot-by-1.5-foot space, Arellano made her way into the front seat. Three of her friends quickly followed.

Five others didn't make it. Their bodies were later found pressed against the partition.

Arellano said in an interview Monday that she believes the driver, Oliver Brown, could have done more to help during the fire, which took place Saturday night on one of the busiest bridges on San Francisco Bay.

"When he stop the car, he get out from the car, he just get out from the car," she said. Arellano and other women started the night celebrating a wedding. Brown who worked for the limo company for two months has said that one of the passengers tapped on the partition saying something about smoke. The taps turned to urgent knocks, and someone screamed, "Pull over!" THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A limousine is engulfed in flames on San Francisco's San Mateo-Hayward Bridge on May 4. Five female bodies were later found inside. ROXANA AND CARLOS GUZMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pentagon findings

70 sexual assaults every day in U.S. military: Report

The sexual-battery arrest of the U.S. air-force officer who led the service's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response unit underscores how far the U.S. Defence Department has to go in addressing the plague of sexual crimes in the military.

A Pentagon report estimates that, on average, there are more than 70 sexual assaults involving military personnel every day. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gastric band surgery

N.J. governor had weight-loss procedure

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie secretly underwent gastric band surgery in February to try to lose weight at the urging of his family, his spokesman said.

The father of four agreed to the surgery, in which a tube was placed around his stomach to restrict the amount of food he can eat, after he turned 50 in September. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Second World War

Ireland pardons deserters who fought for Britain

The Irish government said Tuesday it's pardoning nearly 5,000 men who deserted its armed forces to fight for Britain during the Second World War. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

First-day infant mortality

African nations top list tracking baby deaths

A new report says more than one million babies die on the day they are born every year. The worst first-day mortality rates are in Somalia, Congo, Mali, Sierra Leone and Central African Republic. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Boomerang kids proving costly, new study finds

The parent trap. Report finds majority of boomers have stepped up to help support adult children

Along with reduced pensions, low returns on their savings and high debt, Canada's boomer generation is facing an additional burden as they ease into their retirement years — their "boomerang kids."

A report from TD Canada Trust suggests boomers are taking on more of the responsibility for their adult children struggling to attain financial self-sufficiency in the post-recession years of high youth unemployment and low wage gains.

The report, based on an online survey by Environics Research, shows a majority of boomers have stepped up to help support their adult children, and that as many as one-in-five say they would be prepared to put their own financial security at risk to help out.

The number one way of helping out is providing free room and board, but also contributing to major purchases like cars or computers, helping pay for rent and groceries and of course, paying off credit card bills.

"Today high youth unemployment, increasing post-secondary education costs and high property prices mean many young people are more likely to rely financially on their parents well into adulthood," said John Tracy, senior vice-president of TD Canada Trust of the results.

But Tracy warns boomers there is a risk of doing too much, particularly if it jeopardizes retirement plans. Other studies have noted that with more than 60 per cent of Canadians not having a company pension plan to fall back on, many pre-retirees have not saved sufficiently to maintain anything resembling their current lifestyles.

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Youth unemployment

- At 14.2 per cent, youth unemployment remains more than twice that of other workers. The 15-24 year cohort is the only age group that Statistics Canada calculates is still below the employment level that existed before the recession.

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Daring to celebrate curves

A new homegrown publication is seeking to help elevate the profile of curvier women in the fashion world. Dare Magazine, an online offering for curvy women size 12-plus, has been launched by fourth-year Ryerson University fashion communications student Diana Di Poce. Describing herself as "plus-size all my life," Di Poce said she has long been interested in fashion and beauty magazines, but found representation of average-size women on their pages lacking. See the first issue at daremag.ca. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Q1 results

WestJet stock drops over new capacity concerns

WestJet Airlines Ltd.'s "best ever" quarterly earnings were overshadowed Tuesday by a drop in its stock, as investors worried whether the airline will be able to profitably fill its planes as it increases capacity. Shares fell by as much as 13 per cent on the Toronto Stock Exchange, but recovered later in the day to close down $1.85 or 7.5 per cent at $22.87. The airline posted a profit of $91.1 million during the first three months of 2013. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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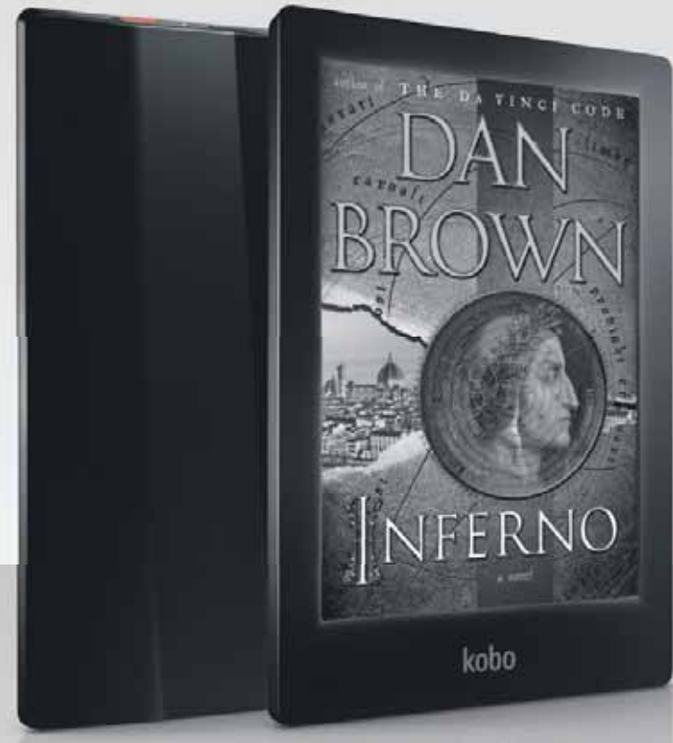

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VIRTUAL REALITY BITES, TOO

JUST SAYIN'

Paul Sullivan
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What would you do if you found out someone was calling you a lying, cheating, perverted sex-maniac pedophile all over the Internet?

If all of this made-up propaganda was having a real impact on your career as a teacher?

If someone posted pictures of you naked on your own Facebook page?

What would you do if there was nothing you could do?

Welcome to Lee David Clayworth's nightmare. He's a 35-year-old Vancouver teacher who, back in 2010, was in a relationship with a woman named Lee Ching Yan when he was teaching in Malaysia. After a few weeks, she seemed increasingly vindictive and controlling, so he broke up with her — thereby driving his life into the ditch.

He says his former girlfriend broke into his apartment and swiped his laptop and hard drive — as well as his passport, money and all his clothes. That was bad enough, but it wasn't long before two and a half years of online harassment began.

It's not hard to find verification for his accusation. Even today, the first reference that comes up when you Google Lee David Clayworth is a post on something called liarscheatersrus.com accusing him of cheating … adding that he has a nasty STD to boot.

Clayworth sued Yan for defamation in Malaysia — and won. But that did nothing to stem the cyberbullying ruining his life. So he's taken to telling his story to the media, and now the defamation is tempered by numerous defenders rushing to his aid.

Still, it's going to take a while before his worldwide web reputation is restored. It would help if he could find his tormentor, but she could be in Australia. Or not. He doesn't know where she is, just that she's still wreaking havoc.

You could argue you should never post nude pictures of yourself anywhere. Don't even get naked. Stay fully clothed. As we've all learned, your private stuff is not really private when phishers and hackers are determined to steal it. Lee David Clayworth probably learned that lesson nearly three years ago. He doesn't really need to keep learning it.

As for the rest of us, we're all learning, day after day, that the Internet is a new and powerful way to hurt other people. Malicious trolls and bullies violate our private places and make our lives a living hell, especially if we're already vulnerable. Just ask Amanda Todd. Just ask Rehtaeh Parsons.

The guys who invented the Internet had no idea it was going to turn into an instrument of torture. Never mind that it's a great place to learn how to make a bomb.

It's probably too late for Lee David Clayworth — if you were a school principal, would you hire the star of liarscheatersrus.com, even if you knew he was falsely accused? — but law enforcement is moving in to end the wild freedom and anonymity that characterizes the Internet.

Too bad, but it turns out virtual reality bites, too.

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A heartbreaking pic of staggering cuteness

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Koala left homeless

He came back, only to find his home gone. This confused koala was found last month atop shredded bark, where once his woodland habitat stood, in Vittoria State Forest, some 185 kilometres west of Sydney, Australia. A forestry worker reported the marsupial to the wildlife rescue service WIRES, which sent a volunteer to rescue the animal. **METRO**

Recovering at the vet before return to wild

The young sub-adult male koala was discovered with an eye infection, and was brought to a local veterinarian where he spent a few days in care. After his eye fully healed, the animal was released into a nearby koala habitat. "My feeling is that I am glad we were able to rescue the koala and take it into care in good time," WIRES general manager Leanne Taylor said. **METRO**

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With Chris Hadfield's adventures in space making headlines in recent months, space exploration has gained a new dose of respect (and even a few new songs). If @Cmdr_Hadfield's 140 characters aren't enough to satiate your appetite, you can fill the black hole with these space blogs.

Bad Astronomy:

Formerly found on Discovery Magazine's website, Phil Plait's Bad Astronomy blog has landed on Slate. Having worked on the Hubble telescope for 10 years, Plait knows a thing or two about the stars — and regularly debunks popular space myths.

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Home to all things out of this world, Space.com posts accessible videos, graphics and articles about skies, stars and the search for life. If you don't care to read about the stars, at least visit for the photos (and maybe you'll stay for the articles).

Basic Space:

Scientific America's space blog — cleverly named Basic Space — decodes space and astrophysics research. Don't really understand bosons? Me neither, but I do now, thanks to writer Kelly Oakes. (Apparently, Margaret Thatcher was ahead of us on this and very clearly knew about the W Boson.)

Letters

RE: Where Does Religion Fit In?, published May 6

I feel compelled to expand upon the writer's argument supporting a "hands-off" approach to her child's religious education by asking a few additional questions.

Why teach our children anything? Surely our kids would be better off never learning to read. Isn't that the only way to prevent them from being exposed to negative media, unfriendly text-messages or emails, or the need to count calories in food to the chagrin of their self-image?

Of course the fallacy in this argument is self-evident. We as parents have an opportunity (and responsibility) to provide our children with the tools and confidence to excel within society. This means investing in every aspect of their physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual upbringing.

To overlook the good within religion amidst the bad is to throw the baby out with the baptismal water. Embracing religious illiteracy offers no protection, no comfort, and no direction. And it offers no assurances of a healthy development fuelled by personal choice, popular opinion and a world of relative truth.

What it does offer is an easy-way-out approach to a common problem … one that may not prove so easy in the end. Kudos — of course — on a very thought-provoking article. Best wishes to each parent on their own journey.

Gregory Day, Toronto

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Leonardo DiCaprio and Carey Mulligan star in the latest film rendition of The Great Gatsby. HANDOUT

Difficult finding the Great when it comes to Gatsby on big screen

New movie. Capturing the mood of one of the best books of the last 100 years has proven exceedingly difficult for filmmakers

IN FOCUS
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F. Scott Fitzgerald's The Great Gatsby is one of the best-known novels of the 1900s. Dubbed one of the two best books of the last century by The Modern Library, these days Gatsby may be more familiar as the movie that reestablished Vincent Chase's career on the show Entourage.

On the HBO series, Chase (Adrian Grenier) was a fast-fading movie star until Martin Scorsese cast him in a movie based on the book. That fictional film became a big hit and put Chase back on top of the Hollywood heap.

This weekend The Great Gatsby comes to the big screen for real when Moulin Rouge director Baz Luhrmann unleashes a 3D version of the story starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Carey Mulligan.

It's not the first time the life and times of doomed Jazz Age millionaire Jay Gatsby has appeared in theatres.

In 1926, just one year after the book was published, a silent movie starring William Powell was released. The movie was popular with audiences but at least two paying customers weren't impressed.

Scott Fitzgerald and his wife, Zelda, walked out of a screening. Later an incensed Zelda wrote to her daughter, "We saw The Great Gatsby in the movies. It's rotten!"

A 1949 film noir version spun the story to fit its lead actor. Movie tough guy Alan Ladd — billed as Ladd: Man of Violence and Mystery — stars in a cautionary tale about learning "the hard way about the wages of sin."

To play up to Ladd's core audience he's seen firing a machine gun in a story that focuses on Gatsby's violent history as a bootlegger. Despite Ladd's fame and passion for the project (he personally convinced Paramount to make the film), the movie was not a success, and was eventually withdrawn by the studio. To this day it's still hard to find a copy.

The most famous version to date starred two of the biggest stars of the 1970s: Robert Redford and Mia Farrow. Working from a script by Francis Ford Coppola — who lived in F. Scott Fitzgerald's home while he wrote the screenplay — the movie stays true to the novel. Embellished by beautiful set design and lush costumes, it's a treat for the eyes, but received tepid reviews. The New York Times wrote, "the movie itself is as lifeless as a body that's been too long at the bottom of a swimming pool."

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Kerry Washington.
Waiting has been difficult but it's finally paying off

The new film Peeples boasts Scandal and Django Unchained star Kerry Washington as its female lead, something that makes selling the delightful family comedy much easier — but that wasn't the case when the film was made.

"We shot Peeples before Scandal even existed," Washington explains with a laugh. "I telepathically pulled it out of the sky."

Despite being filmed more than a year ago, Peeples is one of those rare Hollywood cases where a delay can be a good thing.

"The movie got made a long time ago and it was testing really well but the studio just wanted to release it later," Washington says.

"There were earlier dates, but it kept getting pushed. It's such a great example of things happening for a reason that you just have to trust because we were sort of frustrated. And now it's almost as though we have this great romantic comedy and we have grown into the actors that could present this comedy. (My Peeples co-star) Craig Robinson has five movies coming out this year — something crazy like that — there's Scandal and Django. We've grown into being the kind of actors who could present Peeples to the world and have it being received and appreciated in a way that we would've wanted it to be. Patience!"

Patience is a concept Washington knows full well, as there have been plenty of instances that felt like career setbacks at the time but turned out to be for the best.

"Twice in my career before Scandal I had been cast in pilots where the shows got picked up and I got fired. So they basically recast my character," she remembers. "At the time it felt like, 'OMG! Horrible!'

Kerry Washington has gotten used to being patient. HANDOUT

"But when I look back, one of the shows in particular, the show got picked up, the actors got put on hold for a year, they couldn't do any other work while the studio was going to figure out what to do with the show. But they released me — they fired me, hired another actress and in the same year I did Ray. So if I hadn't been fired I would not have had the opportunity to do an Oscar-nominated film that really changed my career. So for me it has always been my experience — even in the moment I don't understand why this is a part of my journey, eventually I will."

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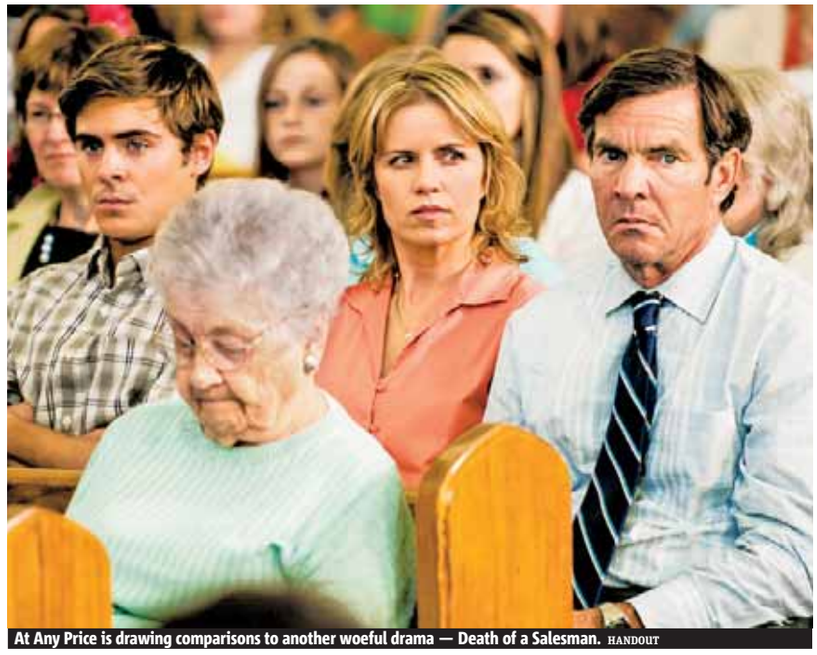
Hard questions, hard answers come at a Price

New Movie. At Any Price explores a new take on a familiar theme — the American dream and its repercussions



At Any Price is drawing comparisons to another woeful drama — Death of a Salesman. HANDOUT

The crumbling American dream is rooted deeply in father-son dysfunction in the farming drama At Any Price, an ambitious look at the impact of big agribusiness on an Iowa family.

On the surface, nothing could seem more wholesome than the thriving Whipple family. Led by fourth-generation farmer and seed salesman Henry Whipple, the picture-perfect clan is the very model of bliss, complete with a globe-trotting football star son and a budding Don Juan second son, who also happens to be a local race car champ.

However, neither boy wants anything to do with their huckster father, let alone the farm, leaving Henry increasingly desperate to expand the business while his more successful rival, played by Clancy Brown, threatens to undo hard-won sales.

Vegas star Dennis Quaid said he immediately saw parallels to Arthur Miller's Death of a Salesman and set about tackling the woe-begotten Henry as the rural incarnation of Willy Loman.

"This was really, in so many ways, Willy Loman on a farm," Quaid said during a round of interviews at last September's Toronto International Film Festival.

"He has this idea of the American dream and he has a lot of bluster and he has these values and principles that bump up against reality."

There's an anger seething just below the surface, he noted, with Henry's stubborn blindness to reality manifesting in a mincing smile and nervous jitter.

The acting choices have earned Quaid raves on the festival circuit, and he said he settled on Henry's physical quirks by parsing out clues from Ramin Bahrani and Hallie Newton's script.

"He's always creaky somewhere. There's always some tension going on in his spine," he said of Henry.

"I work sort of outside-in and inside-out at the same time, you know. I like to find a person's walk and he starts to make me feel a certain way inside."

Acclaimed director Bahrani admitted to being nervous the first day of shooting because he had yet to see how Quaid would approach the flawed hero.

"I called one of my friends and mentors, Werner Herzog," recalled Bahrani.

"I said, 'Werner, I'm starting tomorrow and I have no idea what Dennis is going to do. He hasn't shown me anything yet.' And Werner said, 'Don't waste their time. They're professional actors; they know what they're doing.' ... And after the first day of shooting and after I saw how he was going to stand, how he was going to hold his hand and his shoulders and how he was going to do the performance and the dialogue, I said, 'My God, this guy's good.'"

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Dennis Quaid
Talking about how At Any Price has parallels to Death of a Salesman.

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The Word

Vonn and Woods take their romance public

Well, lookie here. Tiger Woods and Lindsay Vonn went out as an "official" couple.

The sports duo showed up together at the annual Costume Institute Gala at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in NYC on Monday night.

But according to Us Weekly, their big night out wasn't without its problems, as Woods maybe had a little too much to drink.

At the gala's after-party at the Standard Hotel, the two did get handsy with one another (an onlooker tells the magazine they "chatted, drank, held hands and kissed for much of the night.") But then around 2 a.m., a "seemingly tipsy" Woods fell on the ground and didn't move until Vonn helped him up.

Seems like an excellent ending to a first outing to me.

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5 Free things to do in Portland

In Oregon's Stumptown (one of Portland's nicknames, evoking a bygone era of rapid land development and tree-cutting) living thrifty is living well. And there's plenty of free things to do around town.

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Powell's City of Books

Step back into the foggy mists of yesteryear — OK, maybe just a decade or two — when bookstores were still a viable enterprise. If Portland, as television's Portlandia suggests, does keep alive the dream of the '90s, then Powell's is its muse. People-watch, browse away or curl up in one of the comfy chairs. The block-long bookstore is a mainstay on tourism guides. It's a haven for used, out-of-print, rare or autographed books.

Forest Park

Five thousand acres (2,023 hectares) of rolling hills, fire lanes and the simple stillness of the Oregon wild are within city limits, less than a 10-minute drive from downtown Portland. The park is best enjoyed by a slow amble up the Wildwood Trail, with creeks bubbling and chipmunks chittering under a shady conifer canopy. Only a short drive away is Washington Park, home to the International Rose Test Garden, with more than 10,000 rose plants.

Farmers Markets

For the daring, the curious and the shameless, Portland's farmers markets mean one thing: free tastes. Perhaps it's the Rogue River Blue Cheese at the Thursday market in Northwest. Or perhaps the carnivores in your group will make for the beef and chicken of Viridian Farms, darlings of the local restaurant scene. Samples of almost everything are made bite-sized and jammed on a toothpick, and markets can be found nearly every day of the week, anchored by the massive Saturday Market downtown.

Old West architecture

With all the flannel, unicycles and pour-over coffee, it's easy to forget that Portland was once an Old West town, a fact reflected in its architecture if you're willing to look hard enough. The best example is the Pioneer Courthouse downtown, the oldest federal building in the Pacific Northwest. The dark wood of its halls, constructed in 1869, make it a quiet refuge from the busy, adjacent courthouse square. Six blocks east bring you to The Lotus, opened as a "soda bar" during Prohibition (yeah, right) built underneath the Lotus Hotel, a reputed brothel.

Used stuff

Buffalo Exchange, the used clothing store chain, at *those* prices? Never. The most Portland part of Portland, the one that inspires the jokes, is on Hawthorne Boulevard, where you'll find House of Vintage, Red Light Clothing Exchange and half a dozen others. It's not just recycled clothing that sets this city apart. But you don't have to spend anything to take in the scene: browsing is free and people-watching is a sport.

Newfoundland

Seamus O'Regan talks The Rock

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Seamus O'Regan, former co-host of Canada AM, is a broadcaster, writer and proud Newfoundlander. I recently chatted with him about his home province and why it should be on every traveller's hit list.

What are the top three places people should visit in Newfoundland and Labrador?
Top of my list is the Torngat Mountains but that is so far north in Labrador, part of Canada's newest national park. Very difficult to get there; tough and expensive. You need to get to Goose Bay and from there to Nain, where you will need a helicopter and a boat. That is a very aspirational destination.

I think Gros Morne is unbelievable. It's a slice of Norway that's been put into our country.

Signal Hill (in St. John's). There are very few cities in the world that have a national historic site and such a beautiful hike right in the city. My preferred route is up the hill by side of the road and then coming down the back along the cliff and into the city and then straight to the Duke of Duckworth.

Is that the best pub in St. John's?
It's my pub. The Duke was my home away from home. Allan Hawco (lead actor on the CBC's Republic of Doyle) is more of aficionado. They replicated the Duke on a sound stage for the show. It's a genuine Newfoundland pub, the real deal. Owners are amazing.

When is the best time to go?
I like early July because that's when the iceberg season is meeting the whale season. Icebergs making their way down the Eastern seaboard and whales coming up. My friend Stan Cook has a sea kayaking operation in Cape Broyle that is legendary. To be on the surface of the water and see an iceberg and a whale — by the way it is exceptionally safe — is the most extraordinary feeling.

Beautiful Newfoundland. FLICKR

Napa Valley for next to nothing

Wine and dine.
There's still a few places to find some freebies in a destination known for its pricey offerings

Love the lush and lovely Napa Valley but hate how expensive it can be? You're not the first. In the late 19th century, writer Robert Louis Stevenson moved his honeymoon to the rustic but free setting of an abandoned mining camp when the $10-a-week going rate for Calistoga hotels proved too much for his slender purse.

You're not likely to find free lodging today, but there are a number of things you can enjoy.

The scenery

There are two main ways to see the Napa Valley by car.

Highway 29 is a straight shot from the south end of the valley — marked by the famous Grape Crusher Statue — through Napa, Yountville, Oakville, Rutherford, St. Helena and Calistoga. Along the way are dozens of restaurants and wineries, including the Robert Mondavi Winery and Inglenook, the winery restored by director Francis Ford Coppola. Be aware traffic gets heavy at rush hour and slows to a crawl when there's a big event going on, such as the annual wine auction held the first weekend in June.

To reach the Grape Crusher Statue from Highway 29 (heading north from the San Francisco Bay area), turn left onto Soscol Ferry Road, continue on Vista Point Drive, then continue onto Napa Valley Corporate Drive and then right at the statue.

The other driving option is the Silverado Trail, which is most easily picked up by taking the Trancas Street exit from Highway 29 in Napa and then turning left when you see the sign for the Silverado Trail. The trail more or less runs parallel to Highway 29 but is quieter, winding through green vistas of vineyards and rolling hills.

There's plenty of art to be enjoyed in Napa Valley. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wineries along this route include Mumm Napa Valley.

Wineries

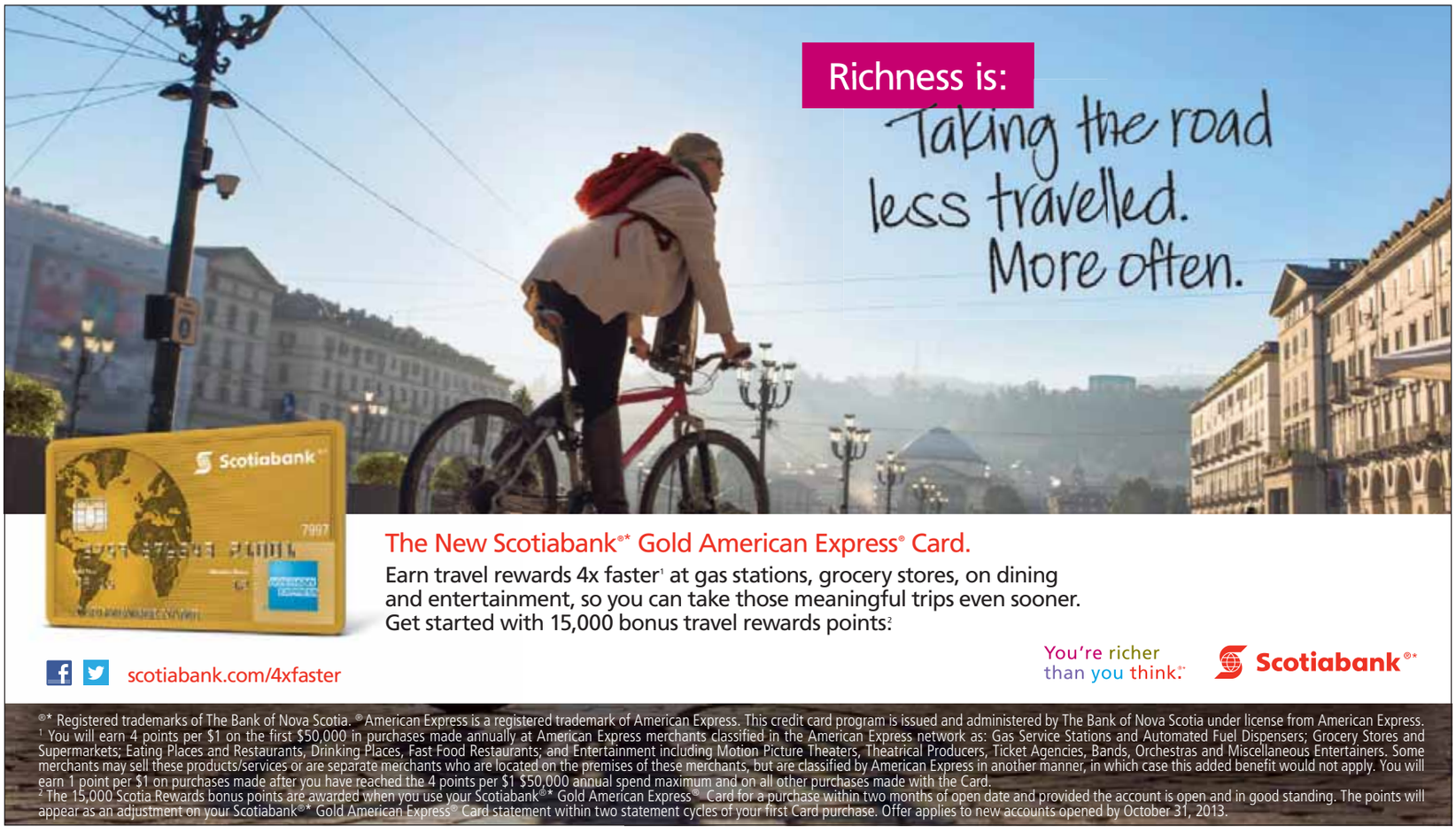
The days when winery owners routinely poured their wares for free are no more, although several wineries offer two-for-one tasting coupons (check online before you visit), and others will waive tasting fees if you buy a bottle to take home. But there is still at least one winery offering tariff-free tasting. That would be Sutter Home Family Vineyards — the people who introduced America to white zinfandel in the 1970s — in St. Helena. Stop by the charming tasting room on Highway 29 in St. Helena (277 St. Helena Highway) and taste up to four wines free from the eight-wine tasting menu, which includes a zinfandel port.

Markets

The Napa Valley is famous for fine dining and you can watch some of the city's top chefs plying their trade at the Napa Chef's Market, a free weekly event on Thursday nights in downtown Napa. Traffic is rerouted so the market is like a big street party. There are two cooking demonstrations at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. where you can watch the food being made and then enjoy a taste when it's done. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Artful touring

More than 75 wineries have art on display all year long. Some of the places to see free art anytime include The Hess Collection's contemporary art museum, featuring works from the private collection of owner Donald Hess (4411 Redwood Road, Napa, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.), and The Baron Wolman Gallery at Markham Vineyards (2812 St. Helena Highway, St. Helena, open daily 11 a.m.- 5 p.m.), with photographs by Wolman, Rolling Stone's first chief photographer.



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- 1.5 oz Grey Goose L'Orange Vodka
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- 0.5 oz simple syrup
- 2 dashes Angostura orange bitters
- 5 blackberries
- Top with Perrier sparkling water

Add Grey Goose L'Orange, lemon juice, simple syrup, bitters and blackberries to a shaker and shake well. Strain over ice into an old fashioned glass. Top with Perrier and stir through delicately. Garnish with skewered blackberries.

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First time cooking with lamb? Try this zesty lamb meatloaf

Ingredients

Meatloaf:
- 1 kg (2 lb) lean ground lamb
- 1/2 Spanish onion, diced
- 7 ml (1/2 tbsp) cracked black pepper
- 10 ml (2 tsp) cumin
- 2 eggs
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) bread crumbs

Pesto:
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) mustard seeds
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) fresh dill (or 15 ml/1 tbsp dried)
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) extra virgin olive oil
- 5 ml (1 tsp) sea salt

Glaze:
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) oil
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) onions, diced
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) red peppers, diced
- 250 ml (1 cup) red pepper jelly
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) beef stock

You may have to ask your grocery store or butcher for ground lamb but it's a good way to start if you've never cooked with lamb before.

1. For pesto: Put the mustard seeds, fresh dill, oil and salt in a mortar and pestle and "grind" to make a chunky paste-like mixture. (Use a food processor if you do not have a mortar and pestle.) Set aside.

2. For meatloaf: Preheat oven to 200 C (400 F). In a bowl, mix with your hands the lamb, onion, pepper, cumin, eggs and bread crumbs until just incorporated. Don't overmix the meat.

3. Transfer the meatloaf mixture into a shallow pan. The meat should be wider than it is tall. Spread the pesto over the top. Put meatloaf into the oven on the middle rack. Bake for 50-60 minutes or until internal temperature reaches 68 C (155 F). Remove from oven and rest about 10 minutes.

4. For the glaze, heat a heavy skillet to medium-high. Add oil, onions, red pepper and sauté until onions begin to brown. Add the red pepper jelly, stirring until the jelly melts down. Add stock and reduce heat. Cook until mixture has slightly thickened.

5. Slice the meatloaf, and pour warm red pepper glaze over each slice.

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Ground Lamb Meatloaf with Pesto and Red Pepper Glaze

This recipe makes 4 servings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dinner. Moroccan Lamb Stew

1. Mix salt, pepper, cinnamon and allspice in a medium bowl. Add lamb and toss to coat.

2. Heat oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add lamb to pot and sauté until brown on all sides. Add onion, garlic and ginger to pot and sauté 5 minutes. Add water and bring to a boil. Reduce heat. Cover and simmer until lamb is tender.

3. Remove from heat. Add blood oranges and honey. Season with salt and pepper. Garnish with parsley and serve.

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Ingredients

- 3 ml (3/4 tsp) salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) pepper
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) cinnamon
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) allspice
- 1.6 kg (3 1/2 lbs) lamb shoulder, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil
- 500 ml (2 cups) onions, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 22 ml (1 1/2 tbsp) fresh ginger, minced
- 325 ml (1 1/3 cups) water
- 2 large blood oranges, peeled and sectioned
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) honey
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) fresh parsley, chopped

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You're saying adios to one stage of your life and facing an uncertain future, which is both exciting and terrifying. How will you manage it? ISTOCK

Going from a student to a fully formed adult can be a rocky transition. It's a stressful time filled with lots of changes: moving, job hunting, and saying goodbye to college friends as you go your separate ways.

As the old saying goes, the only thing that's certain in life is that things are going to change, so increasing your adaptability now will serve you well when you encounter unexpected life events down the road. So how do you deal with change? Here are a few tips:

Accept that you can't control everything

Things may not pan out exactly as you had envisioned for your career and life post-graduation. Your identity is in transformation mode, so things we were sure about in the past (friends, your career) now aren't so clear. While the unknown can be scary, there is also such a joyful sense of opportunity about what's next. Daydream about the possibilities that are to come, or create a collage to act as your vision board. Optimism about what your future holds can be a real mood booster.

Enlist your friends and family for support

You're not the only one who's going through the transition after leaving school, so don't go it alone! Talk to a friend, family member, or a mentor you admire about what you're going through.

Sometimes you need a cheerleader in your corner, who will encourage you when you feel like you're stuck or overwhelmed. If you feel like you are better at expressing yourself through writing, keep a journal to keep tabs on how you're feeling.

Take action towards building your future

Now that you've left school, you have whole world of possibilities ahead of you. How can you start working towards your goals today? Perhaps you're not in your dream job immediately upon graduation, but that's okay (and pretty common!).

What small, obtainable steps can you take today to start working towards your goals? Taking action can be the best way to move forward during this transformational time; it will help you avoid feeling stuck or helpless.

As Maya Angelou said, "If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude."

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Mason Raymond and the Sharks' Brad Stuart look to control a rebound off a save made by Antti Niemi on Tuesday in San Jose. CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

Canucks flounder in first-round sweep

NHL playoffs. Questions about team's future loom as Marleau pots winner in OT

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Game 4

Sharks	Canucks
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Daniel Sedin doesn't throw many hits.

The one he threw on San Jose Sharks forward Tommy Wingels in overtime Tuesday led to the ultimate end of the Vancouver Canucks' season.

Sedin, who dinged the post on a wide open net in the third period, hit Wingels shoulder-to-shoulder in the defensive zone, but was called for boarding.

The Sharks, who had been deadly with the power play since the start of the series, capitalized, sweeping the Canucks in the first round of the playoffs on a Patrick Marleau goal.

The Sharks finished Tuesday night three-for-seven on the power play, taking Game 4 by a final of 4-3.

The window to win for the Canucks is now shut.

Only two years ago, the they were a win away from hoisting the Stanley Cup.

They're now out of the playoffs, knocked out in the first round for the second consecutive year, and the prospect of massive change looms.

Could this have been Alain Vigneault's final game behind the bench for Vancouver?

Is this the last time Roberto Luongo will put on a Canucks' uniform?

The Canucks, in their most desperate moment, came from behind in the third period with goals from Alex Burrows and Alex Edler less than two minutes apart to take the lead.

But defenceman Kevin Bieksa was called for cross-checking late in the period. Joe Pavelski scored his second of the game on the ensuing power play and sent the game to overtime.

It was in the extra frame that Marleau ended the Canucks season.

NHL playoffs

Blackhawks push Wild to brink of elimination

Patrick Sharp scored two goals for Chicago, and the Blackhawks ratcheted up their defence, putting the Minnesota Wild on the brink of elimination with a 3-0 victory Tuesday night.

Bryan Bickell also scored and Corey Crawford made 25 saves for the Blackhawks, who built a 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven matchup.

The Wild had another goalie get hurt when Josh Harding's injury forced Darcy Kuemper into action after the first intermission. Sharp scored on Chicago's first shot at the rookie 62 seconds into the second period. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL playoffs

Tavares propels Isles past Pens

John Tavares scored with 9:49 left, and the New York Islanders tied their first-round series with the Pittsburgh Penguins on Tuesday night with a wild 6-4 victory.

Tavares slammed in his own rebound in front after Brad Boyes fed him following a turnover by Penguins star Evgeni Malkin. It was the Islanders' third one-goal advantage in the game and the one that earned them a 2-2 tie in the highly entertaining series that has featured 5-4 and 6-4 finishes in Uniondale, N.Y.

Casey Cizikas shoved in a shot with 1:16 left to add some much-needed insurance.

Captain Mark Streit scored twice, and Brian Strait and Kyle Okposo also had goals.

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Whitecaps' coach stands by calling out players

Real Salt Lake's Joao Plata controls the ball against the Whitecaps' Andy O'Brien on Saturday in Sandy, Utah. KIM RAFF/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

No more Mr. Nice Guy.

Well into his second season as head coach of the Vancouver Whitecaps, two things have become clear about Martin Rennie: He is often pragmatic in his observations and rarely does he relay harsh criticism of his team or players through the media.

He strayed from that in the moments following Saturday's 2-0 loss on the road to Real Salt Lake, when he called out his team for its mediocre performance.

"There's not been many times we've had harsh words — certainly publicly — with any players but I think it was the right time to point out a few things that need to get better," Rennie said Tuesday.

The Whitecaps have not won a Major League Soccer regular season match since March 9.

By the time Saturday's match with the L.A. Galaxy at BC Place Stadium rolls around, it will be more than two full months since Vancouver's last league victory.

Perhaps it was about time Rennie came down hard on his club in a public forum.

"Just as a group I think we could've done a little bit better so I don't think it's wrong to do that occasionally," he said.

"You've got to keep getting better, you've got to keep driving yourself forward and every now and then, if things aren't quite as good as they need to be, that needs to be pointed out." CAM TUCKER/METRO

Senators defeat Habs in overtime

NHL playoffs. Ottawa rallies past Montreal to take 3-1 series lead

Kyle Turris scored at 2:32 of overtime as the Ottawa Senators defeated the Montreal Canadiens 3-2 to grab a 3-1 lead in their Eastern Conference quarter-final Tuesday.

Turris took a shot from the sideboards that snuck past Montreal backup goalie Peter Budaj, who came on for the injured Carey Price at the start of overtime.

Mika Zibanejad and Cory Conacher had the other goals for the Senators, who got 26 saves from Craig Anderson. P.K. Subban and Alex Galchenyuk scored 62 seconds apart in the second period for Montreal.

A humble hero

"That was a bit of a lucky shot tonight, but I'll take it."

Ottawa centre Kyle Turris describes his game-winning goal against Montreal.

Price made 30 saves for the Canadiens, two nights after allowing all six goals in Ottawa's 6-1 victory in Game 3.

He was injured at the end of regulation.

Game 5 goes Thursday night in Montreal in a series that has seen a little bit of everything through four games.

Senators defenceman Eric Gryba returned to the lineup for Ottawa after serving a two-game suspension for his hit on Canadiens forward Lars Eller.

The Canadiens said after the morning skate that they wouldn't be looking for retribution on Gryba, but Montreal forward Brandon Prust took an undisciplined roughing penalty late in the period, only to see the Senators' power play fail to capitalize. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Montreal's Rene Bourque looks away as Ottawa's Cory Conacher celebrates his third-period goal with captain Daniel Alfredsson. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB

Jays lose Happ to horrific injury

Blue Jays pitcher J.A. Happ was hit in the head by a line drive and taken off the field on a stretcher during Toronto's 6-4 win over the Tampa Bay Rays on Tuesday night.

The team said Happ was taken to Bayfront Medical Center, where he was alert and in stable condition.

In a frightening scene at Tropicana Field, Desmond Jennings' second-inning liner caromed squarely off the left side of Happ's head with a loud "thwack!" that could be heard up in the press box.

The Blue Jays grabbed a 6-4 lead in the ninth on Maicer Itzuris' solo homer and an RBI double by Melky Cabrera off Joel Peralta (0-2). Toronto, which trailed by three early on, tied it at 4 in the eighth on Jose Bautista's RBI double.

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World championship

Team Canada blows out Norway

Steven Stamkos had a goal and three assists to pace Canada to a 7-1 win over Norway at the IIHF World Championship on Tuesday.

Canada (2-0-1) played its best first period of the tournament so far and led by four goals after the opening 20 minutes.

Taylor Hall had two goals with Andrew Ladd, Matt Duchene, Jeff Skinner and Claude Giroux also scoring for Canada. Jordan Eberle had two assists.

Canada was second in the Stockholm pool with seven points. Switzerland led with eight.

Russia (3-0) downed the United States 5-3 to top the Helsinki pool. Promoted Austria doubled Latvia 6-3 for their first win.

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Fit to be tied in OKC

The Memphis Grizzlies' Tony Allen, left, eyes the basket as the Oklahoma City Thunder's Kevin Durant defends in Oklahoma City on Tuesday. The Grizzlies won Game 2, 99-93, to tie their best-of-seven Western Conference semifinal at a game apiece. ALONZO ADAMS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA playoffs. Melo does the trick for the Knicks

Carmelo Anthony scored 32 points, 16 during a 30-2 New York onslaught in the second half, and the Knicks beat the Indiana Pacers 105-79 on Tuesday night to even the Eastern Conference semifinals at one game.

Iman Shumpert added 15 points, including a sensational follow dunk in the first half as the Knicks turned a close game into a blowout over the final 15 minutes. Paul George scored 20 points for the Pacers, who had a two-point lead and momentum when coach Frank Vogel called timeout with a little more than three minutes left in the third quarter.

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Carmelo Anthony of the Knicks scores two of his 32 points during Tuesday's game in New York. MARY ALTAFFER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE QUARTERFINALS

(Best-of-7 series; All times Eastern)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

PITTSBURGH (1) V. NY ISLANDERS (8)
(Series tied 2-2)
Tuesday's result
N.Y. Islanders 6 Pittsburgh 4
Thursday's game
N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

MONTREAL (2) VS. OTTAWA (7)
(Ottawa leads 3-1)
Tuesday's result
Ottawa 3 Montreal 2 (OT)
Thursday's game
Ottawa at Montreal, 7 p.m.

WASHINGTON (3) V. NY RANGERS (6)
(Washington leads 2-1)
Monday's result
N.Y. Rangers 4 Washington 3
Wednesday's game
Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.

BOSTON (4) VS. TORONTO (5)
(Boston leads 2-1)
Monday's result
Boston 5 Toronto 2
Wednesday's game
Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CHICAGO (1) VS. MINNESOTA (8)
(Chicago leads 3-1)
Tuesday's result
Chicago 3 Minnesota 0
Thursday's game
Minnesota at Chicago, 9:30 p.m.

ANAHEIM (2) VS. DETROIT (7)
(Series tied 2-2)
Monday's result
Detroit 3 Anaheim 2 (OT)
Wednesday's game
Detroit at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

VANCOUVER (3) VS. SAN JOSE (6)
(San Jose leads 3-0)
Tuesday's result
Vancouver at San Jose
Sunday's result
San Jose 5 Vancouver 2

ST. LOUIS (4) VS. LOS ANGELES (5)
(Series tied 2-2)
Monday's result
Los Angeles 4 St. Louis 3
Wednesday's game
Los Angeles at St. Louis, 9 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-7 series; All times Eastern)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

MIAMI (1) VS. CHICAGO (5)
(Chicago leads 1-0)
Monday's result
Chicago 93 Miami 86
Wednesday's game
Chicago at Miami, 7 p.m.
Friday's game
Miami at Chicago, 8 p.m.

NEW YORK (2) VS. INDIANA (3)
(Series tied 1-1)
Tuesday's result
New York 105 Indiana 79
Saturday's game
New York at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, May 14
New York at Indiana, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

OKLAHOMA CITY (1) V. MEMPHIS (5)
(Oklahoma City leads 1-0)
Tuesday's result
Memphis at Oklahoma City
Saturday's game
Oklahoma City at Memphis, 5 p.m.
Monday, May 13
Oklahoma City at Memphis, 9:30 p.m.

SAN ANTONIO (2) V. GOLDEN STATE (6)
(San Antonio leads series 1-0)
Monday's result
San Antonio 129, Golden State 127, 2OT
Wednesday's game
Golden State at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.
Friday's game
San Antonio at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

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Wednesday's games — All times Eastern
Houston at D.C., 7 p.m.
Montreal at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Salt Lake at New England, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Dallas, 9 p.m.
Toronto at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Manchester City 1 West Brom 0
Swansea 3 Wigan 2

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	21	12	.636	—
Baltimore	20	13	.606	1
New York	18	13	.581	2
Tampa Bay	14	18	.438	6½
Toronto	13	21	.382	8½

CENTRAL DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	19	11	.633	—
Kansas City	17	12	.586	1½
Cleveland	16	14	.533	3
Minnesota	14	15	.483	4½
Chicago	13	18	.419	6½

WEST DIVISION	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	20	13	.606	—
Oakland	18	16	.529	2½
Seattle	15	19	.441	5½
Los Angeles	11	21	.344	8½
Houston	9	24	.273	11

Tuesday's results
Baltimore 4 Kansas City 3
Cleveland 1 Oakland 0
Minnesota 6 Boston 1
Toronto 6 Tampa Bay 4
Houston 7 L.A. Angels 6
Wednesday's games — All times Eastern
Kansas City (Mendoza 0-1) at Baltimore (Tillman 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Griffin 3-2) at Cleveland (Masterson 4-2), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Hernandez 1-0) at Boston (Webster 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (Romero 0-1) at Tampa Bay (Moore 5-0), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Blanton 0-5) at Houston (Norris 3-3), 8:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Tuesday's results
Chicago Cubs 2 St. Louis 1
Cincinnati 5 Atlanta 4
Miami at San Diego
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers
Philadelphia at San Francisco
INTERLEAGUE
Pittsburgh 4 Seattle 1
Detroit at Washington, postponed
N.Y. Mets 1 Chicago White Sox 0 (10)
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2013 Ford Explorer Sport

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In most cases, the term "sport utility vehicle" ranks as one of the most improperly used appellations ever devised, especially the "sport" part. But some members of this big-and-tall category, like the 2013 Ford Explorer Sport, actually get it right.

If you equate the word "sport" with a muscular demeanor, this unique Explorer trim level is right up your alley, or off-road path.

Keeping it all well planted on the road involves strengthening the Explorer's chassis, adding stiffer springs and shocks and installing a brace inside the engine compartment connecting the front strut towers. The brakes are bigger and the electric power steering has been retuned to be more direct.

Although quick enough to 60 mph (96 km-h) — in the low-six-second range, claims Ford — the Explorer Sport is no match for the 2014 Grand Cherokee Jeep SRT, which rips to the same speed in 4.8 seconds. And in the towing department, the SRT's 3,270-kilogram rating trumps the Sport's 2,270-kilogram capacity.

However, the 2,230-kilogram Sport's base price of $51,000 is about $14,700 less than the 2,360-kilogram SRT's $65,700 total. As well, the Explorer Sport's fuel numbers of 13.2 l/100 km in the city and 8.8 on highway are better than the SRT's 18.0/12.4 figures while offering seating for seven, versus the Grand Cherokee's five.

It's finished off with a premium-attired interior that in includes leather-trimmed seats with contrasting inserts. The fronts are power-adjustable and heated. Also standard is a rearview camera, 12-speaker Sony audio system and MyFord Touch connectivity for the audio, communication and climate controls.

Beyond that, the Sport can be dressed up with pace-setting adaptive cruise control, dual-panel moonroof, power liftgate, heated and cooled seats and a navigation system. You can also opt for inflatable rear seatbelts that, along with the side-curtain airbags, are designed to provide additional cushioning support for those in back in the event of a collision.

Keep in mind that dramatically upping the Sport's content level pushes it closer to the Jeep SRT's base price.

Ultimately, the Explorer Sport does live up to its handle, but it's far from an out-and-out power-is-the-object, go-anywhere wagon. In that regard, it offers a fair balance of lively performance, passenger comfort and cargo capacity, at a price that's within reach of eager "sport" utility vehicle patrons.

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2013 Ford Explorer Sport

- **Type.** Four-door, four-wheel-drive wagon
- **Engines (hp).** 3.5-litre DOHC V6, twin-turbocharged (365)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed automatic
- **Base price (incl. destination)** $51,000

Design

Specialized body bits such as a darkened mesh-style grille combine with a similarly shaded lower air intake/spoiler to produce a somewhat menacing presence. Completing the look is a set of stylish 20-inch wheels wrapped in performance tires that leave a 23-centimetre-wide footprint.

Those stylish 20-inch wheels.

Power and torque

Like the Grand Cherokee SRT, the Explorer Sport includes standard four-wheel-drive, and it operates in conjunction with Ford's Terrain Management System that has been specifically calibrated to suit the Sport's needs. Included are specific power and torque settings for sand, snow and mud.

Engine

You'll find the comparatively humble 3.5-litre twin-turbocharged "Ecoboost" V6 under the hood, which is also found in the SHO Taurus and Ford F-150 pickup. The Explorer Sport is the only Explorer to get this engine, which is matched to a six-speed automatic transmission with paddle-shift controls.

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My children need to ditch the Mother's Day card and clean her car instead

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Hard up for a way to celebrate Mother's Day?

Usually I'm not full of suggestions. Usually I could only suggest gift ideas to stay away from, based on the reactions they created on Mother's Days gone by. For example, as Mother's Day gifts, I would definitely stay away from groceries, laundry detergent, and personal coupons redeemable for household chores you're already expected to complete. Actually the coupons are mostly all right, as long as you don't make them, as I did one year, with really tight expiry dates.

But Canadian Tire recently tuned me into a great way to honour the mother in your family on her special day — clean her car inside and out. They also suggested families could add some relevant accessories, to give her something approaching a "Mother's Day Car Makeover."

Of course the fine folks at Canadian Tire want to sell car cleaning products and accessories, but they're definitely on to the spirit of Mother's Day. Mothers just love it when their families — and especially the kids — turn the tables, and work in love for the mothers, as the mothers work in love for their families every other day of the year. Excuse me, I seem to be tearing up a bit here… must get a tissue. Oh damn, I just wish I had more tears, so I could clean Mother's car completely with tears!

If tears aren't handy, go with a power washer.

That's how the team at Canadian Tire started cleaning our family car, driven mostly by the mother in our family, my wife Diane. As part of a press function, Canadian Tire offered to clean the Fit to show off the company's do-it-yourself cleaning and car organizational products, and to promote the concept of the Mother's Day Car Makeover.

And clean it they did. It looked — and smelled— incredible. I was particularly impressed with Autoglym's Aqua Wax, which proved to be a quick an easy way to give your ride a protective and shiny wax job. You spray it on while the car is still wet after washing. They you just spread it around with a micro-fibre cloth, and dry and shine it with another, and you're done.

Our teenage kids, Amelia and Jared, were invited to help clean, to make Mom feel more special, but they were not available. We didn't give them enough notice. They couldn't clear their schedules. But they promised to have their people call our people and set up a meeting to discuss other Mother's Day proposals.

So this column could have been how Amelia and Jared cleaned their mom's car for Mother's Day. Now it's to shame them into doing something else. In keeping with the auto theme, Jared, how about replacing the Honda's timing chain? I believe its due for one. It's also due for an air conditioning service. Amelia, I know a container of refrigerant and socket set with your name on them.

Failing that, maybe a coupon for cleaning the Fit the next time its needs it (with no expiry date on the coupon.)

Quoted

"Mothers just love it when their families — and especially the kids — turn the tables and work in love for their mothers, as the mothers work in love for their families every other day of the year."

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Engines flourish with a regular oil change

Driving Force. Give what's under your hood a longer shelf life by following the owner manual's lubricant schedule

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Any time your engine is running, there are parts inside it moving at several thousand times a minute, and with little more than the width of a human hair separating them from other components. Without sufficient oil for lubrication, the engine will quickly seize and become irreparably damaged.

"Engines heat up as they operate, and metal expands, so if you didn't have oil, the heat would cause the metal parts to contact," says Sean Martell, category business manager for oil and oil change at Canadian Tire. "Oil protects engine parts from wear, it helps take heat away from the engine so it can operate at a consistent temperature, and it captures dirt and debris that gets into the engine."

Oil contains additives and antioxidants to help protect your engine, but these eventually break down.

Changing the oil at regular intervals helps to prevent premature engine wear.

Whenever the engine is running, oil is circulated through it by an internal oil pump.

It passes through the oil filter, a canister that's screwed onto the engine, which traps larger dirt particles suspended in the oil. The filter is disposable and should be replaced with every oil change.

Having the right amount of oil in the engine is important, too. Too much can be just as bad as too little, since the oil will foam and won't provide proper protection.

It's best to follow the oil change schedule recommended by the manufacturer for your vehicle.

"If you go a little past your interval, the oil doesn't stop working, but it does lose its capacity," Martell says. "In the owner's manual, there's usually a standard schedule and then one for 'severe duty' (which is more frequent).

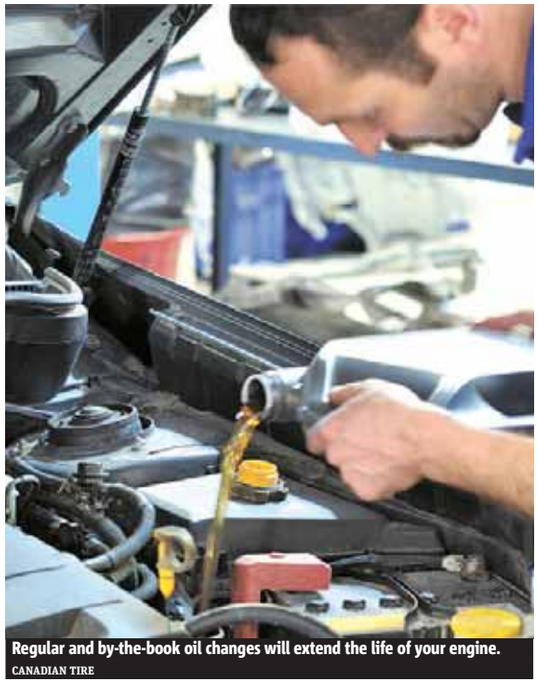
"It's not that severe, and over 80 per cent of Canadians drive in what is considered severe duty, including a range of temperatures, a lot of stop-and-go traffic and short trips, and a mix of dirt and paved roads. All of these put more stress on the engine. There's no harm to your car by changing the oil more frequently, but if you follow the directions, your engine will last for a longer time."

Things to note

Rating system. Engine oil is rated by its viscosity, which is how thin or thick it gets with heat or cold, and there are blends rated for winter or summer temperatures.

Synthetic. This oil is formulated for better flow and engine protection. It also usually has longer change intervals, and in some cases can improve fuel economy.

Thorough check up. During an oil change, the technician should also check your vehicle's belts, hoses, tires, fluid levels, and brake pads to be sure they're in good condition.



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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Some issues should be taken seriously but others are just not worth the effort and what happens today falls squarely in the latter category. Don't waste your time and energy on trivial things, or trivial people.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Major changes are in the air and you will be at the center of them. It isn't true, as some people claim, that Taurus types stick with the tried and trusted.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You may feel restricted in one area but maybe that is a sign from the universe that you should be concentrating your efforts in a different area entirely. Give it some thought over the next 24 hours.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You may not be as forceful as some people but you have your moments now and again. With Mercury and Mars acting together today you will find ways to persuade the world to take care of your needs.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
No matter how smart you may be there will always be someone who is smarter and you forget that fact at your peril. If you know when you have met your match you won't have any problems today.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
No matter how daunting the task that confronts you today you will tackle it head on and make a huge success of it. Later in the week you will be more relaxed about life.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Your thought processes are moving so fast at the moment that you come up with answers to questions that have not even been asked yet.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may be tempted to give a friend some advice today but the planets warn that probably isn't such a good idea. On this occasion it might be wise to keep your mouth shut.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You have never been the sort to play safe and you are not about to start now. If you take some sort of gamble today it may well pay off but don't forget that there are no guarantees.

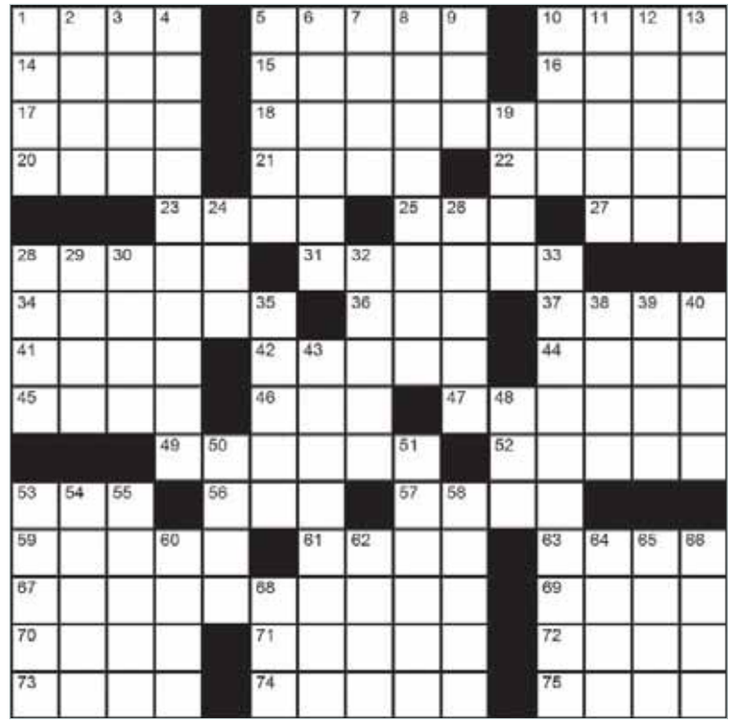
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You need to give yourself a bit more space and find ways to spend time on your own. There are so many things that need doing this month and your workload is sure to increase, so relax while you can.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Make time for your nearest and dearest today. Your work schedule may be punishing but even if you get through it all it won't bring you anywhere near the satisfaction that spending time with your loved ones does.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Some people will always be critical of your efforts and they are the people you should always ignore. You know they are driven mainly by jealousy, so pretend they don't exist — that will annoy them even more! SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

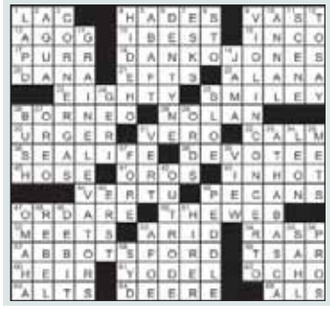
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. "__ sure you already know...": 2 wds.
5. ___ world record
10. Just about
14. Bible pronoun
15. Friend: Italian
16. Pledge
17. Pulls along
18. Ottawa-born impressionist: 2 wds.
20. Search
21. __ __ it (Is a conspirator)
22. Prairies product
23. Existence
25. Wynonna's sis
27. Yukon's li'l neighbour
28. Dog of Japan
31. The Book of __ (Show in Toronto)
34. Pronoun
36. Wee weekday
37. 'Def' suffix
41. General Robert _. __
42. Not now
44. Flimsy
45. Prophet
46. Island: French
47. Northern Pikes' "__ __ You Fool"
49. Fancy fabrics
52. Ms. Blanchett's
53. Toast topping
56. Jogged
57. Related
59. "The Untouchables" role, __ Ness
61. Betting card game
63. BMO competitor
67. Canada's __ (North of Toronto amusement park)
69. Lively circle dance
70. Barenaked Ladies song
71. Ill-fated luxury liner in 1956, Andrea __
72. British actor Clive
73. Not as much
74. Dishonest one
75. Some rodents

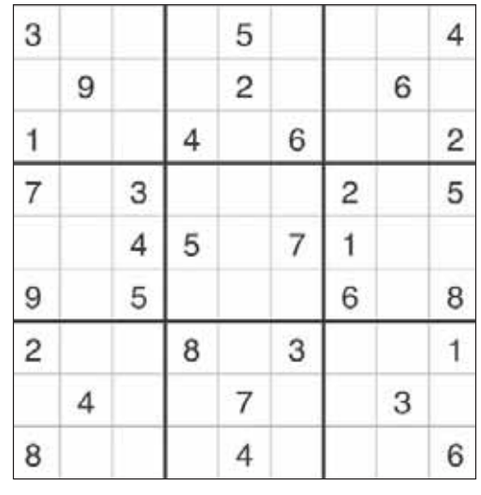
Down
1. Tourist __. (Places on postcards)
2. Boot alternative
3. "Thanks, ___ you one."
4. Stratford Festival play starting May 18th, The Three __
5. Traditional outfits
6. Marshall Mathers, to rap fans
7. Mr. Torres, Bon Jovi drummer
8. Canadian supermodel, Monika __
9. "You've Got Mail." co.
10. Chris of "The Good Wife"
11. Finished food
12. Attorney-__-__
13. Bookdom's Mr. Butler
19. "_ (__ Have Nothing)" by Tom Jones
24. Actress Ms. Field, to pals
26. Smug-looking smile
28. Actor Ed of "Daniel Boone"
29. Kid on "South Park"
30. 1989 Bad English hit: "When _ __ You Smile"
32. A lot
33. Journalism job: 2 wds.
35. CBC cooking show, "In the Kitchen with Stefano __"
38. Flapper's fabrication
39. Arrived
40. Gets by, just barely
43. MB city bordering SK: 2 wds.
48. Marie-Claire's 'here'
50. Mr. Johnson of "Laugh-In"
51. Ontario city on Lake Huron
53. Gem
54. Unaccompanied
55. Subcompacts
58. __ moment (Meant for a snapshot)
60. "What are the __?"
62. Swiss river, variantly
64. Cedar Rapids state
65. Poison singer, __ Michaels
66. Pepsi holders
68. Shortened streets

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



Yesterday's Sudoku

5	4	9	1	2	3	6	7	8
8	2	1	9	6	7	4	5	3
7	6	3	8	5	4	1	9	2
1	5	2	3	7	6	8	4	9
6	8	4	5	9	2	7	3	1
9	3	7	4	1	8	5	2	6
2	7	5	6	3	1	9	8	4
3	1	8	7	4	9	2	6	5
4	9	6	2	8	5	3	1	7

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CITY: **8.7**L/100 KM▼

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